

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet;

~~a at least one decoration panels-panel~~ disposed on the front of the ~~said~~ cabinet;

display windows provided on the front of said cabinet;

a plurality of rotatory reels operative to rotate about a common axis of rotation and positioned in a juxtaposed manner inside the cabinet, each of which has one of the plurality of rotatory reels having a plurality of symbols disposed on an respective outer peripheries thereof a, forward most ones of the plurality of symbols being visible through the display windows; and

~~a at least one light source unit for illuminating said decorate panels from the disposed~~ inside of said cabinet and behind the at least one decoration panel; and

~~a reflection units for guiding the light emitted from the light source unit to illuminate said plurality of symbols, the at least one light source unit including an~~ illuminating lamp and a reflection plate positioned adjacent the illuminating lamp such that the at least one decoration panel is illuminated by light illuminating from the illuminating lamp and the forward most ones of the plurality of symbols are illuminated by the light illuminating from the illuminating lamp and by light illuminating from the illuminating lamp reflected from the reflection plate.

2. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein transparent liquid crystal device is provided in front of said plurality of rotatory reels.

3. (New) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet;

a display device having a plurality of display windows, the display device provided on the front of the cabinet;

a first decoration panel and a second decoration panel disposed apart from one another on the front of the cabinet with the display device positioned therebetween;

a plurality of rotatory reels operative to rotate about a common axis of rotation and positioned in a juxtaposed manner inside the cabinet, each one of the plurality of rotatory reels having a plurality of symbols disposed on respective outer peripheries thereof, forward most ones of the plurality of symbols being visible through the plurality of display windows;

a first light source unit disposed inside of the cabinet and behind the first decoration panel, the first light source unit including a first illuminating lamp and a first reflection plate positioned adjacent the first illuminating lamp such that the first decoration panel is illuminated by light illuminating from the first illuminating lamp and the forward most ones of the plurality of symbols are illuminated by the light illuminating from the first illuminating lamp and by light illuminating from the first illuminating lamp reflected from the first reflection plate; and

a second light source unit disposed inside of the cabinet and behind the second decoration panel, the second light source unit including a second illuminating lamp and a second reflection plate positioned adjacent the second illuminating lamp such that the second decoration panel is illuminated by light illuminating from the second illuminating lamp and the forward most ones of the plurality of symbols are illuminated by the light illuminating from the second illuminating lamp and by light illuminating from the second illuminating lamp reflected from the second reflection plate.

4. (New) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet;

at least one decoration panel disposed on the front of the cabinet;

display windows provided on the front of said cabinet;

a plurality of rotary reels, each of which has a plurality of symbols on an outer periphery thereof, said symbols being visible through the display windows;

at least one light source unit for illuminating said at least one decoration panel from the inside of said cabinet; and

at least one reflection unit for guiding the light emitted from the at least one light source unit,

wherein said at least one reflection unit is arranged to guide the light emitted from the at least one light source unit to illuminate said plurality of symbols provided on said rotary reels.

5. (New) A gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said at least one light source unit is disposed between said rotary reels and said at least one reflection unit.

6. (New) A gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein a part of the light emitted from the at least one light source unit directly illuminates the reels and a part of the remaining light is reflected by the at least one reflection unit to illuminate the reels.

7. (New) A gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the at least one light source unit further illuminates the reels, the at least one reflection unit is arranged at a position except for between the at least one light source unit and the at least one decoration panel, and where the at least one reflection unit does not block the light directly illuminated from the at least one light source unit to the at least one decoration panel and where the at least one reflection unit indirectly guides the light not directly illuminated to the reels.